# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

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### ORDER OF REFERRAL

In accordance with the authority vested in the United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to Local Rule CV-72 and Appendix C, Local Rules for the Assignment of Duties to United States Magistrates, and 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), the instant action is hereby REFERRED to United States Magistrate Judge John W. Primomo for pretrial proceedings including any requests for injunctive relief.

#### I. MATTERS REFERRED

This reference confers the following duties upon the Magistrate Judge to whom this case is assigned, the parties and their counsel:

- (1) The Magistrate Judge shall issue an Order for Scheduling Recommendations in accordance with the well established practice of the undersigned or a Scheduling Order. The Magistrate Judge has discretion to extend or otherwise modify deadlines in the scheduling order upon a showing of good cause; however, once the Magistrate Judge has ruled on any matter, objections to and/or appeals from the Magistrate Judge's rulings shall not be considered good cause for the extension of any deadline.
- (2) The parties shall parties shall indicate to the District Clerk in writing whether they are willing to consent to trial before the Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(2) when ordered to do so by the Magistrate Judge.

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- (3) The Magistrate Judge shall rule on all pretrial motions, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A). Where the Magistrate Judge's authority to make rulings is limited by statute, a recommendation to this Court shall be made in lieu of an order, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and (c); unless all parties consent that the Magistrate Judge may rule on such otherwise exempt matters, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(1).
- (4) Unless the parties have consented to proceed to trial before the Magistrate Judge in accordance with Paragraph (2), <u>supra</u>, the Magistrate Judge shall return the case to this Court upon the submission of the proposed pretrial order and the ruling and/or filing of recommendations on all pretrial motions pending at the time the pretrial order is submitted.

### II. MATTERS NOT REFERRED

This reference includes any pretrial matter not specifically mentioned above; however, this reference does not include the following:

(1) <u>Settlement Agreements.</u> Should the parties reach a settlement of this case, they should contact the chambers of the undersigned in writing or telephonically. Upon being informed of a settlement, this Court will enter such orders as it finds proper to resolve the case.

### III. OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS

Appeals from the Magistrate Judge's orders and objections to the Magistrate Judge's recommendations shall be made in compliance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), Rule 72 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 4 of Appendix C to the Local Rules. Such objections and appeals shall be limited to issues first raised before the Magistrate Judge; failure to bring any defect in any order or recommendation to the attention of the Magistrate Judge prior to raising the issue before this Court shall be deemed a waiver of issue.

It is so ORDERED.

SIGNED this 11th day of March, 2009.

FRED BIERY

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE